

## Erosion during Heavy Rainfall



Segweshi is a big village having a population of +-2,000, next to the main road to Tzaneen, a very sloppy area lies at the base of the mountain and between rivers. When it is raining we experience a problem of erosion and flood.

- \*This problem affects the learners; they are unable to come to school.
- \*community members unable to go to different jobs
- \*visitors are unable to visit our place.
- \*transportation is unable to deliver goods because of bad roads and full rivers.

It is a problem for the following reasons:

1. No jobs no payments then poverty will increase
2. No education as the learners are unable to come to school because they will be drowned
3. No visitors from different places to bring good things that we will benefit from e.g. Indian people to bring laptops as roads are slippery and rivers full.
4. No food because of transport unable to reach the place
5. School buildings may fall because of heavy rain water



We try to fix bad roads with stones, add soil with learners after hours. We try to make farrows (paths) for the running water to pass through. We want to build walls behind classes to reduce the flow of water. Money is insufficient for buying of bricks to build walls as learners only pay R50-100 per year for school fees. R50 cater for sports, development and buying of stationary, so it's too little. Because of poverty, we can't increase the money as they can't afford it.

The community tries to help learners to cross the full rivers so that they may come to school and organize meetings with the councilors to bring the matter to an end. I need strong bridges to be built, tarred road to be fixed to minimize the slippery of the road, and a big wall surrounding the school to be built (no more entering the school to avoid falling of the buildings).

